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CRUISE MISSILE DEFINITION

SHCHUKIN SAID SOVIET UNION COULD NOT ACCEPT, AT THIS TIME,
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF LONG-RANGE
CONVENTIONALLY-ARMED CRUISE MISSILES AFTER PROTOCOL.
ISSUE WAS CREATING TENSION IN SOVIET DELEGATION AND WAS
PROBLEM IN MOSCOW. IF U.S. COULD DELETE SPECIFIC REFER-
ENCE, IT WOULD BE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE. AFTER ALL, ON
EXPIRATION OF PROTOCOL, ISSUE IS OPEN.

CRUISE MISSILE RANGE

SHCHUKIN SAID SOVIET SIDE CANNOT ACCEPT WIDE OPEN
RANGE DEFINITION PROPOSED BY U.S. HOWEVER, RECALLING
PRECEDENT OF PERMITTING "DELTA" IN SILO SIZE, REASONABLE
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DEFINITE VARIANT MIGHT BE AGREED. THUS, AT 2500 KM, PER-
HAPS SOMETHING LIKE 15-25 PERCENT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS
APPROPRIATE TO MEET U.S. CONCERN. OTHER THAN THIS
POSSIBILITY, HE FAVORED STRICT DEFINITION AND RENEGOTIA-
TION AT HIGHER LEVEL TO ESTABLISH DIFFERENT LIMITS.

NEW TYPES

SHCHUKIN SAID SOVIETS CONTINUE TO FEEL STRONGLY NEED FOR SINGLE ICBM EXCEPTION BUT RECOGNIZE U.S. MIGHT ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. MODERNIZATION SHOULD BE VERIFIABLE BY NTM AND THIS WOULD RULE OUT LIMITATIONS ON ACCURACY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, SHCHUKIN SAID SOVIETS WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE LIMITATION ON FRACTIONATION OF ICBM'S SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, RECOGNIZING THIS AS FIRST STEP TO LIMITING NUMBERS OF WARHEADS WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED. HE THOUGHT WE OUGHT ALSO CONSIDER SIMILAR MEASURE FOR CMC'S.

CONCLUSION

SHCHUKIN BELIEVED SIDES SHOULD DISCUSS ALL THESE MATTERS AS SINGLE PACKAGE. EARLE

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